

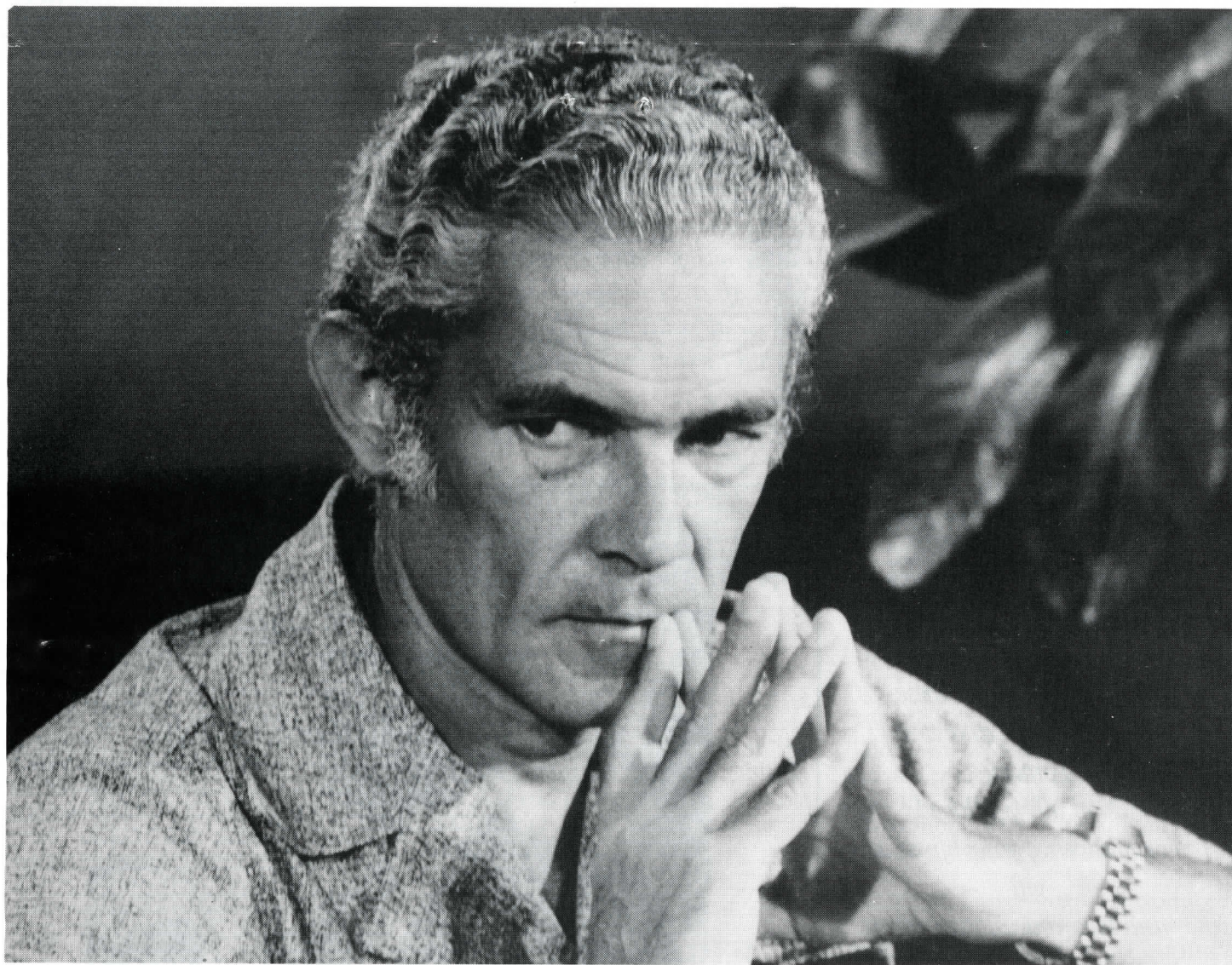
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Michael Norman Manley December 10, 1942 — March 6, 1997.

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Editorial

Hello friend:

In this issue of the Jamaica News we offer pictorial highlights of the life and times of the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley, OM, OCC, PC. Many will agree, that this man who governed Jamaica for some 12 years, has left an indelible mark on the Jamaican society. And his influence extended beyond the local to the international arena.

His vision for Jamaica was compelling. The system of plantation-democracy had to be changed to independence, self-determination, self-sufficiency and justice for the masses. He boldly embraced democratic socialism as a vehicle for fulfilling this vision.

As Jamaicans, we will remember Mr. Manley for his outstanding con-

tributions to national development. He empowered the people through trade unionism, worker's co-operatives, free education, land lease programmes, among other initiatives. His approach to life was passionate, and full of conviction. His influence, intellect and persuasive powers were brought to the fore in his writing and impressive oratorical skills.

An internationalist, he fought for deepened regional integration among CARICOM states and the Third World. Jamaica was pushed to the fore as he spoke boldly against all oppressive regimes, for example apartheid in South Africa. For him political power and social justice are only achievable when the individual is empowered.

"We want a society that is founded on

the idea and the fact of equality of opportunity so that the primacy of the individual will be clear legally, morally and practically.

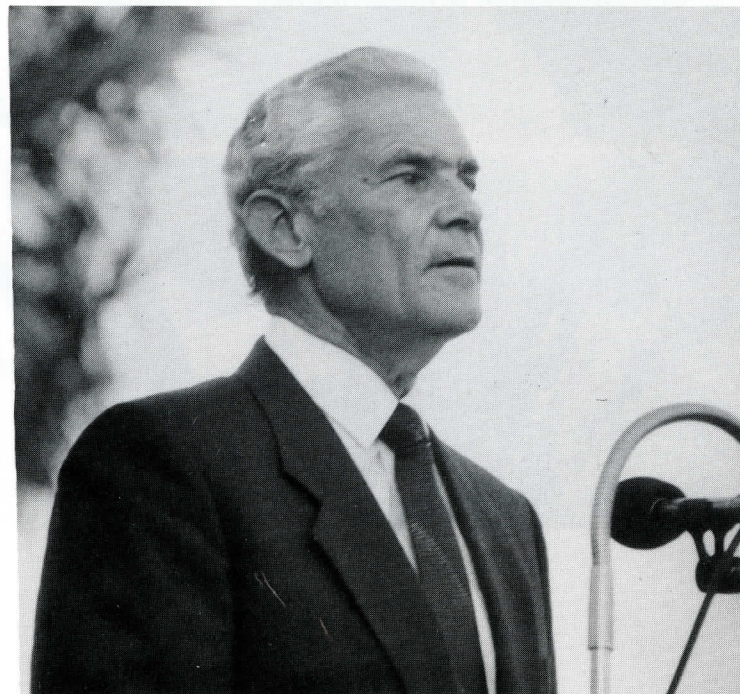
As Jamaicans, we stand to benefit from a great legacy in the memory of this man. The challenge now is for us to find mechanisms to ensure that equality and justice are not only sought after but achieved by those left behind.

We hope you enjoy this issue. Remember to keep in touch with your letters, phone calls, fax, or e-mail.

"Till nex' time...tek care"

In your life
You embraced truth and
justice,
You sought to share these
With every man and every
woman,
Most of all, you loved.
For this we see your life as a
gift
and love you, most of all.

...Drum
Luke, Raine, Rhea, Maya,
the grandchildren
and great granddaughter Britany



Michael Manley at his swearing in ceremony as Prime Minister in 1989.

MANLEY

A Legend in his time

YOUNG MANLEY

Born to National Hero Norman Washington Manley and his wife, renowned sculptor Edna Manley, nee Swithenbank, Michael had one older sibling, his brother Douglas. Young Manley started his education at the St. Andrew Kindergarten School in Kingston and later went on to the Munroe and Jamaica Colleges. In September 1943, Manley left Jamaica to study at McGill University in Canada but within two weeks volunteered to join the the Royal Canadian Air Force.

After his service in the Air Force, he returned to Jamaica and had his first introduction to journalism as a sub-editor with the *Public Opinion* newspaper.

In September of 1945, Manley again left Jamaica, this time to study at the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom.

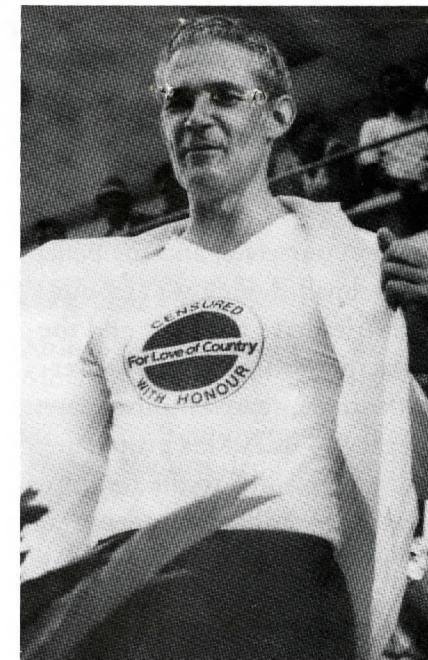
THE TRADE UNIONIST

In 1952 the National Workers Union (NWU), an affiliate of the Peoples National Party (PNP), was formed and Michael Manley began to handle union negotiations. He increasingly became involved in trade union and political activity while he continued his work with the *Public Opinion*, until August of 1953 when he accepted the post of Sugar Supervisor for the NWU. In two years he was made Island Supervisor and First Vice-President of the Union.

Among the most often retold events in his career as a trade unionist was the 97-day strike which he led at the

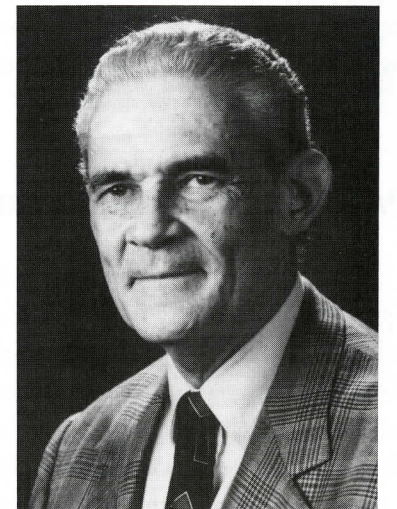
Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation in 1964.

It was during the JBC strike that the workers dubbed him "Joshua", a nickname which many PNP supporters still fondly use.



Michael from "young boy" to "Joshua"

In the middle of his first four-year term, Manley's Government declared that its ideological platform would become Democratic Socialism. This political shift led to the introduction of such social and economic reforms as the Minimum Wage Law, compulsory recognition of labour unions, maternity leave for women, and the Children's Act (popularly known as the Bastardy Act) which granted equal status to children born to unwed as well as married parents.



Rt. Hon. Michael Manley

During his 20 years as an active trade unionist, Manley strongly believed that "the progress of the working classes is indispensable to the progress of the nation". It was a philosophy which guided his life in representational politics.

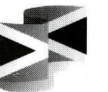
THE PARTY LEADER

In 1969, Michael Manley was elected to the leadership of the PNP following his father's resignation. In 1972 he led the Party to victory at the polls.

Free secondary education, the Jamaican Movement for the Advancement of Literacy (JAMAL) and the Basic School Development Programme were other initiatives of the new socialist government.

Manley's Government introduced the Bauxite Levy in 1974 which exacted 7.5 per cent of the earnings from bauxite sales. In addition, government also moved to acquire majority ownership of the local assets in the alumina industry.

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Tributes...

RT. HON. P.J. PATTERSON PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA

"The passing of Michael Manley ... marks the departure of a colossal figure. His death will be mourned by all Jamaicans, regardless of colour, class or creed. People throughout the Caribbean and the wider world, will grieve at the loss of one who has left his indelible mark on the international stage.

Speaking for myself, I feel a deep sense of personal loss for someone who was my leader, my colleague and my friend."

BILL CLINTON PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"Jamaica has lost a most distinguished leader, one who had the vision to see his country through difficult changes toward a brighter future... As Jamaica mourns his loss, you can take comfort in the legacy of patriotism, dedication and devotion to democracy that he left behind."

FIDEL CASTRO PRESIDENT OF CUBA

"Lucid thinker, energetic and charming speaker, trade union and political leader, vibrant social organiser, Manley made substantive contributions in ideas and tireless actions to the noble objectives of integration and development in the Caribbean region.

"Personally, I have lost a friend with whom I had the privilege to share moments of fruitful exchange and nice company."

LESTER BIRD PRIME MINISTER OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA AND CARICOM CHAIRMAN

"The West Indian scene is dark at this hour, for one of its brightest lights has been extinguished. The passing of Michael Manley has deprived us of a shining star.

Pride in ourselves, and the belief that small though we are, our countries have the right and the capacity to thrive as fully sovereign nations, represent his greatest legacy to us. To his people in Jamaica certainly, to the rest of us in the Caribbean for sure.

He was a West Indian who knew well that none of us is an island unto himself. Jamaica mourns a true son and hero, so too does the entire Caribbean."

HUBERT HUGHES CHIEF MINISTER OF ANGUILLA

"He was a true statesman and leader, a deep visionary who was instrumental in promoting Caribbean integration and functional regional co-operation.

His passing is a profound loss to all Jamaicans and indeed to the Caribbean region.

LEONARD GOOD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD BANK

"... His wise counsel will be greatly missed."

CARLOS SAUL MENEM PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA

"Former PM Manley will be remembered as one of the great personalities in the politics of our continent and his death deprives us of a leader who was always on the front line of our common interests."

SIR GEORGE ALLEYNE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION

"We hope that the ideals he espoused will motivate and stimulate us for generations to come".

JULES ALBERT WIJDENBOSCH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME

"The Rt. Hon. Michael Manley will forever be remembered for his dedication and commitment to social equity, justice and political awareness of new emerging states. The Caribbean Community has lost one of its most excellent leaders."

MANLEY

A Legend in his time

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FAILING HEALTH

For the first time in 1985, the nation was made aware of the health problems which were to eventually lead to Mr. Manley's retirement from active politics in 1992. He underwent surgery for diverticulitis, a benign thyroid growth, colon removal and prostate gland cancer.

His recurring ill health, put questions in the mind of the public about his future as President of the PNP. However, his influence remained strong and, starting with the Local Government Election of 1986 in which the PNP won 12 of the 13 councils, the Party continued to gain the support of the electorate.



The Rod of Correction became a symbol of the 1972 election campaign. Here Mr. Manley displays it at a rally

The 1989 General Elections saw the return of the PNP to Government and Michael Manley as Prime Minister. Prior to his re-election, Manley publicly declared that he had made errors during his previous administration and he took a more moderate ideological line. The new Manley Administration was decidedly capitalist in outlook.

After three years, in office, Manley resigned as leader of the PNP and

Prime Minister of Jamaica. In his farewell statement to the nation he said, "I have been in Jamaica's public life for 40 years and, in fact, I have been an activist in the progressive movement for some 47 years now. I have always believed that political leaders must know when to step aside and make room for others."

IN RETIREMENT

Following his retirement from active politics, he established the firm, Manley and Manley Associates which offered consultancy services and he frequently lectured on the international circuit.

THE AUTHOR

During the period 1973 to 1988 Manley wrote eight books. With the exception of the 1988 publication "A History of West Indian Cricket", the first detailed account of the history of the Caribbean's most popular pastime, all his other books were focused on his political interest and involvement over the years.

THE TRANSITION

Michael Manley died peacefully at his home on Thursday March 6, 1997.

He is survived by his wife Glynn; children: Rachel, Joseph, Sarah, Natasha and David; grandchildren; a great grandchild as well as his brother Douglas. The entire country mourns his passing.

AWARDS

- 1973—Honorary Doctor of Laws Morehouse College, Atlanta
- 1973 — Order of the Liberator, Venezuela
- 1973 — Order of the Mexican Eagle
- 1976 — Order of Jose Martí, Cuba
- 1978—United Nations Gold

Medal for significant contribution in the co-operation with the United Nations and in solidarity with the South African Liberation Movements in the international campaign against apartheid

- 1978 — Subject for citation by Socialist International for contribution to the world economic debate on the New International Economic Order and for contribution to the deepening of democracy and social justice in Jamaica and the Caribbean.

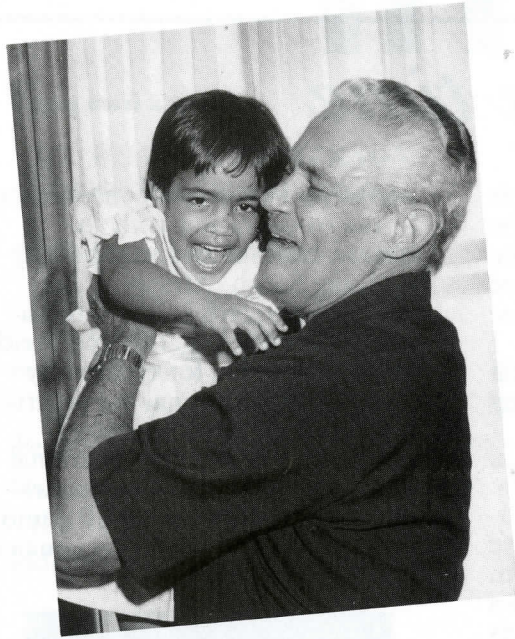


Manley was the recipient of a number of prizes and awards.

- 1979 —Juliot Curie Peace Award of the World Peace Council, for contribution to the struggle of the Jamaican people and all people of the non-aligned world fighting for economic independence.
- 1989 — Appointed to the Queen's Privy Council
- 1989 — Honorary Doctor of Letters Claremont University, California.
- 1992 — Conferred with the Order of Merit of Jamaica (Jamaica's third highest national honour) for distinguished service in the field of international affairs.
- 1992 — Carlton Alexander Memorial Award for contribution and service in politics.



HIS LIFE TIME...



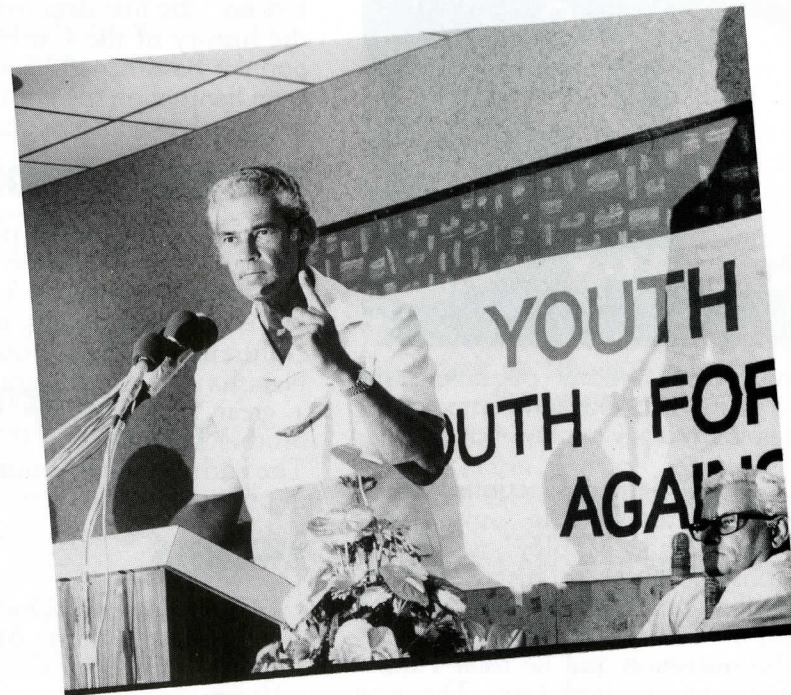
Four year old Crystal Ducasse of Wolmers Prep. School pays a courtesy call on former Prime Minister for Child's Month 1991 at Jamaica House.



Michael Manley congratulates P. I. Patterson on being sworn in as Prime Minister in 1992.

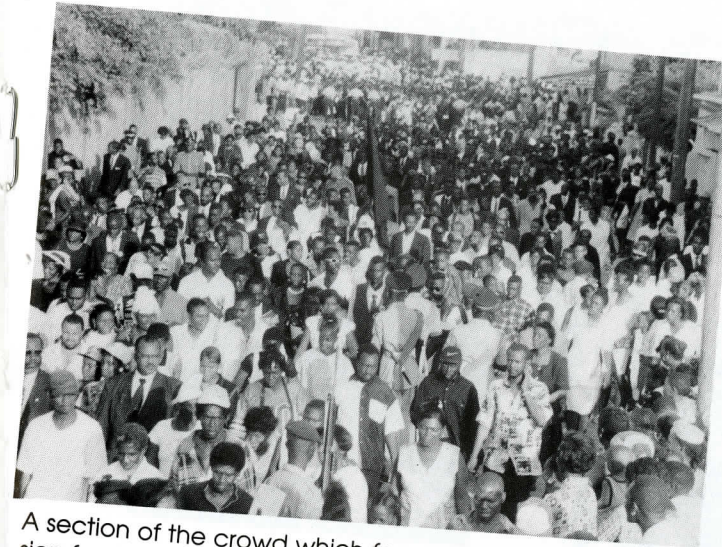


Manley, an active trade unionist in discussion with Rt. Hon. Hugh Shearer.



Manley opens a youth conference.

...JAMAICA'S FAREWELL



A section of the crowd which formed part of the procession from North Street to National Heroes Circle.



Members of the family and other officials standing solemnly at the graveside.



Mrs. Glynn Manley being escorted by a JDF official.



The Governor-General, Prime Minister, guests and others look on while Antigua's Prime Minister Lester Bird lays a wreath on the casket.



FAREWELL...



Members of the JDF ensuring that the casket with the final remains of Mr. Manley rests secure on the carriage.



Cuban President and friend of Michael Manley Fidel Castro, flanked by security guards.

...NEW YORK'S REMEMBRANCE



The Manley family members in attendance at the Ecumenical Service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine join Rt. Rev. Bishop Don Taylor on the altar during the service. From Left are Elizabeth Ewart, daughter of Mrs. Glynn Manley; Mrs. Manley, Bishop Taylor, Ms. Rachel Manley, Mrs. Della Manley, daughter-in-law- and Monk Aaron.



The more than 5000 people who attended the Ecumenical Service of thanksgiving for the life of former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Michael Manley who packed the St. John the Divine Cathedral hold their candles aloft during the candle light ecumenical service.

... NEW YORK'S REMEMBRANCE



Members of the Garth Fagan dance Company performed their tribute in dance to the memory of the late Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Michael Manley at the Ecumenical Service held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.



Posing for the Camera: Some of the dignitaries at the ecumenical service posing for an official picture prior to the start of the service. from left are: South Africa's Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Franklin Sonn; Mrs Joyce Perry, wife of New York State Assemblyman, Nick Perry; State Assemblyman, Nick Perry; former Jamaican Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Mr. Keith Johnson; Jamaica's Consul General to New York, Mrs Kay Baxter-Collins; Mayor of Spring Valley, Mr. Allan Thompson; Host of WABC TV's Programme "Like It Is" Mr. Gil Noble; Mrs. Glynn Manley and Minister for Special Programmes in the Office of the Prime Minister, Senator Arnold Bertram.



In a Pensive Mood: Mrs. Glynn Manley, widow of former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Michael Manley and Minister for Special Programmes in the Office of the Prime Minister, Senator Arnold Bertram caught in a pensive mood during the Ecumenical Service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.



Tributes...

THE BUSINESS SECTOR

Sameer Younis, President of the Jamaica Manufacturers Association (JMA), credited Manley's dedication to uplifting the quality of life of his fellow Jamaicans. He further described him as a forthright and passionate advocate of social justice.

Lascelles Chin, Executive Chairman of Lasco: Manley was receptive to creative solutions for Jamaican businesses. He was a fine human being and a great orator who gave hope and a real vision to many humble Jamaicans.

THE SCHOOL FRATERNITY MELISSA SIMMS

"He has made his contribution and the country should pay respect regardless of our political views and beliefs. He has done a great deal both on a national level and an international level. The country has lost a great son and respect is due."

NORMA TAYLOR

"It's very, very tragic. Generations of Jamaicans will miss his fervour, his commitment and his good sense. People could always rely on him for sound advice on the national and international front. I am very sad about his passing."

CHURCH & CIVIC GROUPS

The Rev. Ronald Blair, Chairman of the Jamaica Association of full Gospel Churches.

Whatever Mr. Manley believed in he always pursued with a passion. He recalls Mr. Manley as a youngster as a vibrant and exuberant

trade unionist, then later on as a very dynamic and committed politician.

The Rev. Cleve Grant, Pastor the Constant Spring Church of God. Manley was a great champion who displayed courage, strength, determination and charm.

THE SPORTING FRATERNITY

West Indies' Captain Courtney Walsh: "Manley's passing is a bitter blow."

Even in the final week of his life Manley showed great concern and interest in West Indies Cricket."

MRS. ROSIE McDONALD DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. McDonald -Barker spoke about her own grieving for the boss for whom she had worked for more than 20 years, and who had been the "give-away father" at her wedding in October 1993.

"I feel a deep sense of personal loss. I have lost a friend."

THE STREETS OF KINGSTON EDITH JOHNSON HOUSEHOLD HELPER

"We are sorry that he's gone home. He was good and he did many things that were good and many people miss him."

WESTERN JAMAICA GLORIA CAMPBELL STREET CLEANER

"I am one of the true hearted comrade coming from 1972 until now. We miss him very much and we do not mind if dem coulda

carry him come show we, mek wi see him fi di last. Everything come from Michael Joshua Manley. Only him suffer fi poor people.

PAUL CHOUDHRY BRITISH COLUMBIA FLORIDA

As a young boy, I remember my father pulling up beside Mr. Manley's Peugeot at a traffic light and pointing him out to me Mr. Manley, who was PM at the time, was driving himself and saw me looking at him, turned around and smiled at me. That is my memory of Mr. Manley.

DR. HERBERT ELDEMIRE FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH (JLP ADMINISTRATION)

"I didn't agree entirely with him but he was a great Jamaican, and that is a fact of life. Not because I did not agree with him in a lot of ways didn't mean that I did not have a great amount of respect and admiration for him. I am really sorry to hear that he passed on. Condolences to his family and all the best to them."



Selected Quotations

CITIZENSHIP

"Citizenship implies nothing less than a sense of responsibility for and a concern about one's country and all the people who live in it."

DEMOCRACY

"Democracy is a system of participation, or it is nothing. If people do not feel that they can influence government, can participate in government, there is no democracy."

EDUCATION

"Education must be the primary instrument in creating attitudes — basic human attitudes — which are necessary if human skill is to be translated into human performance."

"Let us create an atmosphere in which the humblest youngster entering school feels absolutely sure that his or her effort to acquire training will be valued by the country later. And when they are finished training let us be sure that we pay heed to their ideals while they are young and energetic."

FREEDOM

"There is no freedom without sacrifice."

GOVERNMENT

"The way to preserve the democracy that we cherish is the way of dialogue and frankness. It is only on this road that a government in a society like ours can hope to involve people in the process and problems of government. If control and discipline are not to be commanded by force, then they can only be evoked by involvement."

INTEGRITY

"I assert that we cannot develop Jamaica until we learn to demand the highest level of integrity from those occupying positions of trust."

JUSTICE

"Only a just society can be viable, because it is only justice that endures in human affairs."

LEADERSHIP

"The fulfilment of our destiny demands nothing less than dedicated men. I want about me a bond of men so fine, a set of purposes so sublime that it shall be our intention to build in this land of ours the jewel, the pearl, the final adornment of the West."

PARLIAMENT

"Parliament is supposed to be the place where we hold up to public scrutiny every act of government."

SAVINGS

"Jamaica must save or perish. If you don't save you will only avoid perishing by using other people's savings to stay alive, and will end up owning and controlling nothing yourself."

THE PNP

"What I would like — and I wish somehow that the Party which I have the honour to lead today could be somehow responsible for this — is to bring into the political mainstream all the people of talent and energy to be found in Jamaica, asking only that they share a commitment to Jamaica, and an idea of justice resting upon an expanding economy."

TRADE UNIONISM

"The workers' only hope of justice at the hands of the worldwide corporation, lies in the fullest development and organisation of a worldwide response by the labour movement."

WOMEN

"My plea to you the women of Jamaica is that you must now come forward and play your part; you have always served, now you must prepare to lead as well."



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